GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2105
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
RAIL LINK BETWEEN KHURDA-BOLANGIR
Singh Deo Smt. Sangeeta Kumari

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Khurda−Bolangir Rail Link Project with the date of sanction and the target date fixed for completion;

(b) whether this project has not been completed so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by when the said project is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the required funds have so far not been allocated for the said project; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to allocate adequate funds for the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2105 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2008 REGARDING RAIL LINK BETWEEN KHURDA−BOLANGIR.

(a)to(d): Khurda Road−Bolangir new line (289 Kms) project was included in the Budget 1994−95. The latest anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 700 crore. So far, 848 acres out of 1838 acres of land has been acquired between Km. 0 and Km. 110. Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up from Km. 0 to 36 from Khurda Road end. An expenditure of Rs. 67.83 crore has been incurred on the project up to 31.03.2007. An outlay of Rs. 20 crore has been provided in the Budget 2007−08 and an outlay of Rs. 32.43 crore has been proposed in the Budget 2008−09. The work is being progressed as per its operational priority and availability of resources. No target date of completion of the project has been fixed.

(e)&(f): Adequate funds are being made available to the project every year so as to progress the work on the project as planned for the year.